

Wilson Gains Delay in R. R. Crisis; Calls on Congress to Aid Peace Plan

BRITISH DRIVE LINE NEARER THIEPVAL GOAL

Furious Efforts of Ger-
mans Fail to Check
Advance.

PRUSSIAN GUARD LEADS ATTACK

Haig's Troops Hold Firm,
Inflicting Heavy
Losses.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]
London, Aug. 26.—Despite furious
efforts by the Germans to save Thiep-
val, the British drove their line
nearer to the village to-day. Haig's
troops are now less than 500 yards
from the southeastern edge of this
important position in the German
second system. They have long been
close to it on the west.
Rushing up picked men and mass-
ing all the reserves and artillery at
their command, the German generals
opened a counter attack last night.
It was the heaviest blow they have
struck since the first days of the
Somme offensive.

Guns Roar for Hours.

The guns prepared the way with
an intense bombardment that started
yesterday afternoon and lasted well
into the evening. Then the Prussian
Guards, whose fighting qualities and
bravery have been felt many times
in this war, advanced to the attack.
But the British line held firm. They
yielded not an inch of ground to the
German rush and beat off the attack,
inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.
As soon as this assault had been re-
pulsed, Haig's troops resumed their re-
lentless advance toward Thiepval.

Stretch of Trenches Taken.

Along the road which runs from
Thiepval to Courcellette the British
took a valuable stretch of trenches,
extending over 400 yards. Near the Mo-
quet Farm, lying east of Thiepval, they
also made progress, thus narrowing the
pocket which has been cut around the
village.

The battle around the Moquet Farm
is still in progress. The Germans
sprayed with shells to-day the whole
sector between Thiepval and Guille-
mont, but no new attack was attempt-
ed. Apparently they are battering the
British defences to prepare for other
counter thrusts.

At Guillemont, the southern bastion
of the British line, the Germans made
an equally determined counter attack.
Under cover of heavy artillery fire the
Teuton troops moved forward, but they
failed to reach the British line at any
point. Here, too, they paid a heavy
toll for their attack.

The determination of these counter
strokes emphasizes the importance of
the attack to the positions before
Thiepval and Guillemont. In these
areas they have concentrated enormous
numbers of guns, but the British push
forward steadily in the face of their
intense fire.

Strong Patrols Repulsed.

Unable to make an impression on the
French gains at Maurepas, where
Foch's men repulsed strong patrols, the
Germans tried a counter move in the
Champagne sector. They made two
heavy attacks on the French line near
Tahure, but managed only to gain a
footing at one point. From this they
were driven out quickly.

An effort to divert the British attack
north of the Somme was also made by
the Germans to-day. In the Bethune
sector, north of Arras, they attempted
two attacks on the British camp, but
both were driven back by the British
line fire.

In the last two days the Allies have
taken 1,500 prisoners, and, in addition,
a quantity of booty fell to the French
at Maurepas. This, in itself, is an in-
dication that the Allied troops on the
Somme have scored important suc-
cesses. If the progress is slow, never-
theless it is sure.

The French bombardment rages now
southward from the Somme to the
Aisne, growing in fury along the whole
line. The constant shelling of the Ger-
man line may be the forerunner of a
new attack. It gives the lie to German
talk that the "Allied offensive in Pic-
ardy has been broken."

Day's Official Reports
on Somme Offensive

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German U-Boats Flee From Mystery Ships

Alfred Noyes Tells How British Fishing Trawlers, with
Concealed Guns, Trap and Sink Submarines—Germans
Now Fear Innocent Appearing Vessels.

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It might be supposed that the activities I described in my
first article would cover all the operations of the auxiliary
fleet. But the extension of their indomitable little lines is one of
the most romantic tales in the history of naval warfare.

For many months flocks of sea-gulls had screamed over a
certain strip of coast in North Africa. It was littered and
strewn with wreckage and dead bodies from merchant ships,
allies and neutrals, who had met the German submarines. A
small flotilla of trawlers and drifters was dispatched to these
waters; and to-day that coast is clean as any of our own. The
value of these patrols in the Mediterranean has been grimly
proved. For on one occasion, when their numbers were smaller,
a trawler squadron was withdrawn from the mouth of the
Adriatic to deal with unexpected trouble in the Aegean.
Promptly there were submarines out through the unguarded
gates, and more wreckage and dead on the unwatched shores.
There are British longshore fishermen in the White Sea patrol-
ling or frozen in, and others are now patrolling the coast of
Bulgaria. One of these tarry old skippers found that some-
thing had gone wrong with his trawler's engines. In true
Elizabethan style he got into his dingy, with two men and
three rifles, and sent his rusty old boat back to the base. "But

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POLICEMEN'S SLAYER CAUGHT AFTER FIGHT

Federici, Who Killed Two in East
Orange, Pursued for 7 Months.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]

Newburg, N. Y., Aug. 26.—After a
lapse of seven months Antonio Federici,
who shot and killed two police officers
at East Orange, N. J., on December 18
last and wounded two others who were
trying to arrest him, was taken into
custody here by four local policemen
after a fight of half an hour in a
saloon where he had been discovered.

The police were trying to get pos-
session of a loaded revolver when Feder-
ici seized the lead of Officer Wiltse
with his teeth, and it was necessary
to club him to break his hold.

Federici, the police say, admitted he
was the person wanted, and said he
preferred to be killed in a fight rather
than be returned to New Jersey to die
in the electric chair.

RUMANIAN KING REBUFS KAISER

Refuses to Receive Duke
Albrecht and Refers Him
to His Ministers.

Paris, Aug. 26.—According to infor-
mation from diplomatic sources, says a
wireless dispatch from Berne, Emperor
William of Germany wrote to King
Ferdinand of Rumania that he intended
to send Duke Albrecht, of Mecklenburg,
on a special mission to him with re-
gard to the position of Rumania.

King Ferdinand replied, adds the dis-
patch, that the mission would be in-
opportune because, as a constitutional
monarch, he would be obliged to refer
the envoy to his ministers and in the
circumstances he preferred that any
communication from the German gov-
ernment should be received through or-
dinary diplomatic channels.

Amsterdam, Aug. 26.—By decree of
the Rumanian Council of Ministers,
published in "The Monitor," the extra-
ordinary credit for the army is in-
creased by 200,000,000 francs (\$40,000,-
000) to 600,000,000 francs (\$120,000,-
000), according to a telegram from
Bucharest to-day.

"The Universel" announces that Gen-
eral Paraskevov has been appointed
director of munitions, adds the dis-
patch, and that General Popovic, in-
spector general of cavalry, has been
appointed to command the first army
corps in succession to General
Averesco.

BURNS TO DEATH AT PRAYER

Aged Woman's Dress Ignited by Candle
Before Altar in Bedroom.

A candle before an altar in the bed-
room of Mrs. Bridget Ahearn, at 151
Penn Street, Brooklyn, upset yesterday
while she was at prayers and set her
dress afire. Her daughter, who came at
sound of her screams, found her robed
in flames and still clasping her rosary.
With the help of a patrolman she ex-
tinguished the fire in her mother's gar-
ments, but the burns proved fatal. Mrs.
Ahearn was seventy-four years old.

WHITE HOUSE RING ANGERS DEMOCRATS

Upheaval Is Likely
in the National
Committee.

"BIG THREE" RULE
IS RESENTED

House, Morgenthau and
McAdoo Seeking to
Run Campaign.

A White House coterie that has taken
entire charge of the Democratic cam-
paign to the exclusion of Vance Mc-
Cormick, national chairman, and Fred-
erick B. Lynch, of Minnesota, chairman
of the Democratic executive committee,
is causing much friction in the Demo-
cratic party, it transpired yesterday.
An upheaval is about due that will re-
sult in the removal of two or more
persons at present connected with the
campaign.

Lynch, who was once slated for the
national chairmanship, has not even a
desk at national headquarters, and the
treatment he is receiving is being re-
sented by his friends on the Demo-
cratic National Committee. His posi-
tion is somewhat similar to that of
Frank H. Hitchcock in the Republican
party before he was named as Chair-
man Wilcox's advisory committee.

The entire New York organization is
also angry because of the sidetracking
of Norman E. Mack, and Illinois has
a grievance—at least the friends of Roger
Sullivan have—because no Illinois man
has been appointed on the Democratic
campaign committee.

"Big Three" Run Campaign.

"The 'big three' who are running
the campaign, leaving McCormick
hardly more than a figurehead, are
Colonel E. M. House, Henry Morgenthau
and William G. McAdoo. The dispute
has even been carried into the
White House, and has reached Joseph
Tumulty, secretary to the President, a
friend of Lynch. Colonel House and
Tumulty scarcely speak to each other,
and the secretary is said to have re-
ceived orders to open no mail that
passes between Colonel House and the
President. Friends of Lynch at na-
tional headquarters have become the
object of suspicion to such an extent
that a shake-up is said to be due this
week.

The clique which surrounds Presi-
dent Wilson became active immediately
after Mr. Wilson went to Washington.
The first man they went after was Wil-
liam F. McCombs, and they succeeded in
getting his position as chairman of the
national committee. The coterie con-
sisted then of McAdoo, Secretary of the
Treasury and son-in-law of President
Wilson; Colonel House, Wilson's chief
adviser; Morgenthau, the Democratic
party's biggest money man, and Thomas
Pence, publicity director of the Demo-
crats, who has since died.

Lynch, Coterie's Choice.

After McCombs had been ousted the
trio cast their eyes about for a chair-
man for the 1916 campaign. Lynch had
become a national figure in politics
through backing Governor John John-
son of Minnesota for the Presidency in
1908. The campaign Lynch conducted
in Johnson's behalf attracted national
attention, but Governor Johnson died
before the 1908 convention was held.
Lynch was one of the first to shift to
Wilson at the Baltimore convention in
1912, and was regarded as one of the
most practical and forceful men in the
party.

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MEASURES DISCUSSED BY WILSON AND DEMOCRATIC SENATE LEADERS

Washington, Aug. 26.—The measures relating to the railroad situ-
ation discussed at the Capitol to-day by President Wilson and the Demo-
cratic Senate leaders were these:

First—An amendment to the bill already passed by the House
increasing the Interstate Commerce Commission from seven to nine
members. This amendment to provide that it is the sense of the Con-
gress that the commission in deciding petitions for freight rate in-
creases shall take wage schedules into consideration. It has not been
the custom of the commission to consider wage increases at all in
adjusting freight rates.

Second—An amendment to the Newlands act which created the
Board of Mediation and Conciliation. This amendment would provide
that the board, even though its services are rejected by both sides to
a railroad labor controversy, shall be empowered to interpose and in-
vestigate the merits of the dispute, and both sides to the dispute shall
be enjoined against either a strike or a lockout pending the outcome
of the investigation.

Borden's Ship Wrecked On Arctic Rescue Hunt

Runs Into Rock and Sinks While Searching in Storm for
Vessel That Was Reported To Be
in Distress.

Nome, Alaska, Aug. 26.—The United
States Guard cutter McCulloch is ex-
pected to reach here to-morrow with
the members of the Borden-Lane Arctic
expedition, who were picked up yester-
day at St. Mathew's Island in Bering
Sea, twenty-five miles southwest of
Nome, where their new power schooner
Great Bear was wrecked August 10.

A brief report received here said that
the wreck was the result of an attempt
by Captain Louis Lane, master of the
ship and joint owner with John Borden,
of Chicago, to investigate a report that
another vessel had been wrecked in that
vicinity. Captain Lane received the re-
port shortly before midnight and turned
off his course to investigate.

A great storm was raging, and at
12:53 a. m. the Great Bear struck on
Pinnacle Rock, a bleak, desolate vol-
canic islet so named by Captain Cook.
Pinnacle Rock is not far from St. Mat-
thew's Island, and the party aboard the
Great Bear not only reached shore
safely, but took from the wreck provisions
on which they subsisted fifteen
days until found by the McCulloch,
which was sent in search of them when
the schooner was more than a week
overdue at Nome.

Nothing is known here of the vessel
supposed to have been in need of as-
sistance and which Captain Lane was
seeking.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—John Borden, a
Chicago capitalist, sportsman and trav-
eler, and Captain Louis Lane, of Seat-
tle, owned the power schooner Great
Bear, which, including her equipment,
cost \$75,000. The boat was 137 feet
long, 32-foot beam and had a draft
of 14 feet and a speed of seven knots
per hour. Her oaken hull was sheathed
in iron wood.

The Great Bear carried 5,000 gal-
lons of fuel and about \$3,000 worth of
provisions.
"Entire party well," was the cheer-
ing news received by Mrs. Borden,
wife of the explorer, in a wireless mes-
sage received from her husband to-
day.

Another message said the party ex-
pected to reach Nome, Alaska, Sun-
day.

The new power schooner Great Bear
left here July 26 for an extended cruise
into the Arctic. When the vessel left
here, Mr. Borden, Captain Lane and
Norris Blokum, of Chicago, and a crew
of twenty men were aboard. Others
went by mail steamer to Nome, where
they expected to join the expedition.
The Great Bear was especially con-
structed to withstand the pressure of
the Arctic ice floes and it was Captain
Lane's intention to penetrate as far
as Banks Land, where he expected to
meet Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Cana-
dian Arctic explorer, for whom he
carried supplies.

Until the wireless message was re-
ceived to-day, nothing had been heard
from the Great Bear since the time
when she was reported leaving Un-
alaska for Nome. The trip across Ber-
ing Sea should not have required more
than a week and when she failed to
arrive at Nome, great anxiety was felt
for those on board, and the McCulloch
was dispatched to search among the
islands.

SING SING REMEMBERS ITS NEGLECTED DEAD

Prisoners Clear Graveyard and
Hew Marble Shaft.

On the brow of the hill that rises
above the Hudson, back of Sing Sing,
lies the graveyard of forgotten men, a
dusty, unturfed, uncared for spot where
the bodies of a thousand convicts who
never finished their "bits" are buried.
Wooden markers slant this way and
that above the mounds. There are no
withered flowers to bear witness that
any one remembers. One woman lies
with this desolate company—Bella
Rosa, who died in the prison in 1908.
Yesterday the Mutual Welfare League
began to clean up the scraps of paper
that scattered the place, and to grade
the walks and plant grass. At their
direction one of the convicts, a marble
cutter, has started work on a marble
shaft to be a common monument above
these forgotten graves. The inscription
will be only two lines:
"Forthright in this neglected spot is laid
Some heart still pregnant with celestial
fire."

Mile-a-Minute Murphy Halts a
Horse on Bridge.

A runaway dashed through the 7
o'clock traffic on the Manhattan Bridge
last night, the swaying wagon carrom-
ing from other vehicles on the north
roadway. William Brown, the driver,
was flung from his seat, and the horse
gathered new energy with every leap.
Behind it a motorcycle patrolman
bent over his handlebars, coaxing the
last bit of speed out of the machine.
He was "Mile-a-Minute" Murphy, who
won his nickname on a "safety" paced
by a Long Island train. Just before
the horse started his final spurt down
the incline leading to the Canal Street
plaza, the sputtering motor drew
alongside, and Murphy flung himself at
the bridge.

His aim was sure, and, while the
motorcycle wobbled and fell on its side
the horse yielded to the man that was
swinging from his head. As he came
to a final stop the driver jumped from
an automobile that had given him a
lift and took the reins. The horse
had bolted when the bit broke.

TALK WITH EXECUTIVES POSTPONED TILL MONDAY

President Makes Spectacular Trip
to Capitol to Urge Senators
to Give Aid.

UNION LEADERS ANGRY, THREATEN TO GO HOME

Managers Gain by Waiting Till They Have
Given the Public a Chance to Learn
Their Side of the Controversy.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]

Washington, Aug. 26.—President Wilson made a specta-
cular move to-day that forestalled a crisis in the railroad con-
troversy for at least another day.

After word had been sent to the White House this after-
noon that the railroads were ready to submit to him their
counter plan the President hurried to the Capitol to consult
with the Senate leaders. It was a last daring effort to secure
legislation that will satisfy the roads' demands for insurance
against future industrial difficulties and freight rate increases
to recompense them for the change in wage schedules necessi-
tated by an acceptance of the original Wilson settlement pro-
posal.

Forced to play the shrewdest game of his career, President
Wilson adroitly avoided meeting the railroad executives. He
knew they had prepared a proposition that would shift the
burden of responsibility back to his shoulders. Their plan had
been so perfected that if the President received their proposal
and the public was left to judge the situation his back would
be to the wall.

Meeting Off Till Monday.

Announcement was made at the
White House to-night that the Presi-
dent would not meet the railroad
executives until 10 o'clock on Mon-
day morning. His position now is
the most delicate and hazardous since
he began the negotiations. His post-
ponement of a meeting with the rail-
roads' executives was determined in
the face of menacing news from the
four brotherhood chiefs that the dele-
gate chairmen of the unions would
leave Washington after they meet to-
morrow morning at 10 o'clock with
strike orders in their pockets.

MRS. ADAMS HELD FOR KILLING CAPTAIN

Woman Now Quoted as Denying
Her Charge of Improper Acts.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]
Macon, Ga., Aug. 26.—Mrs. H. C.
Adams, of Atlanta, who was held to-
day without bond to await the action
of the grand jury for killing Captain
Edgar J. Sprattling, of the National
Guard of Georgia, yesterday, made a
number of apparently conflicting state-
ments to-day regarding her motives.

Soon after her arrest the woman,
who is about thirty years old and the
mother of three children, was quoted
as saying that improper attentions to
her on the part of Captain Sprattling,
who in private life was a physician in
Atlanta, had caused her to shoot him.

Mrs. Adams also was quoted by per-
sons who talked with her at the jail
as declaring that the alleged actions
on the part of Sprattling did not cause
the killing and that she would not now
tell what prompted the act.

According to the officers, Mrs. Maud
Monk, a nurse, said she had seen a
letter from Mrs. Adams stating that if
the captain did not bring her (Mrs.
Adams) to Macon, she would come here
and "put out his lights."
"It's just a case of jealousy," said
Mrs. Monk.

The body of Captain Sprattling will
be buried at Opelika, Ala. The officer
was forty-seven years old, married, but
had no children.

CLOTHES AND SUICIDE NOTE FOUND AT BATHS

But Skeptical Attendant Mourns
Loss of Bathing Suit.

A pair of black trousers, a white
shirt, size 14, and a pair of shoes were
found last night in Room 1023 of the
Econoupolys Baths, on Henderson's
Walk, Coney Island. With them was
this note: "Am tired of living and
will end it all."
The police believed that the owner
had committed suicide. Frank Bruno,
the attendant who found the clothes,
was skeptical. "That fellow left about 50 cents
worth of clothes," he pointed out, "and
has gone off in a bathing suit worth
\$4.50."

DEAN'S SON, WHO SANK LUSITANIA, DECORATED

Kaiser Himself Honors Com-
mander of Submarine.

London, Aug. 26.—The "Stifts-Ti-
dende," of Ribe, Denmark, is quoted in
a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen as
saying that the commander of the sub-
marine which sank the Lusitania was
Captain Max Valentiner, son of the
dean of the Sonderburg Cathedral.
Captain Valentiner, this newspaper
says, has been decorated with several
orders since the sinking of the liner,
including the Iron Cross of the First
Class and the Hohenzollern House Or-
der with Swords, a distinction which
is the personal gift of the German
Emperor.

House Is Defiant.

The Senate opposition, however,
would be comparatively weak, com-
pared with what the President would

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